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Ugandan rift

ISRAEL has done some good work in Uganda — work that was fully appreciated by President Milton Obote, and in his turn by General Idi Amin after he ousted Obote. It is usually easy enough to be wise after the event, but in this case, the event, the sudden rupturing of relations by General Idi Amin, is not yet far enough behind us for anyone to say whether the rupture might have been avoided by more careful policies.

Talks held to avert doctors strike today

Top-level discussions between Health Ministry officials and leaders of the Israel Medical Association were taking place late last night, in efforts to avert the strike by the country's doctors, scheduled to begin this morning.

Nationalization for firms in Bangla Desh

DHAKA (AP). — Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman of Bangla Desh last night announced a sweeping nationalization decree for the country, giving his Government control of major industries.

Socialists vote to ignore French Mart referendum

PARIS (AP). — The French Socialist Party said yesterday it would boycott the forthcoming national referendum to approve the enlargement of the six-member European Economic Community (E.E.C.) to Britain, Ireland, Denmark and Norway.

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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP). — Over 100 military men and civilians were reported killed and an equal number wounded in Salvadoran President Fidel Sanchez Hernandez's attempt to overthrow the coup attempt was staged by a group of young army officers and leaders of the defeated Christian Democrat Party, President Sanchez Hernandez announced yesterday morning over radio and television.

Argentine left extends 'execution' deadline

Buenos Aires (UPI). — Leftist militias holding Italian industrialist Oberdan Salustro hostage yesterday extended for 36 hours the time they had set, threatening to execute him if ransom demands were not met.

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announced they would honour the agreement, then the strike could be avoided. This was seen as aimed primarily at the Histadrut's Kupat Holim, which has taken a more conciliatory stand to the doctors' claim.

The L.M.A. charged the Civil Service Commission with once again seeking to drag out the matter, by calling for arbitration on an issue that had been supported unanimously by the professional committee chaired by Dr. Haim Doron, medical director of Kupat Holim.

Terrorists surrender peacefully to patrol Two armed terrorists yesterday surrendered to an army patrol in an encounter near Nahal Nezarim in the Gaza Strip, the Army spokesman announced last night.

Another clash on Golan Heights

TEL AVIV. — Small arms fire and bazooka projectiles were reported fired from Syria in the southern Golan for the second night running yesterday. No damage or casualties were caused.

Terrorist chief dies in Jordanian prison

AMMAN (Reuters). — The leader of a Palestinian organization who was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in 1969 for provoking disorder has died in prison, security sources said here yesterday.

Seder rally in London

LONDON (INA). — More than 2,000 persons here yesterday joined in a protest march and symbolic seder aimed at protesting the mistreatment of Soviet Jews.

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rendered at 7 p.m. on Saturday and that the situation was under Government control, with complete support from the armed forces.

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Several platoons later arrived in armoured vehicles and attacked Sanchez Hernandez's residence. "We were rendered at 5.15 a.m., because we ran out of ammunition," the President said during his speech to the nation. He was captured by the rebels, along with his 17-year-old daughter, Maritinka, and several of his friends. He said the rebels took him to El Zapote, "where we were jailed."

By HIRSH GOODMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter LOD REPORT.—The first group of Israeli army training personnel ousted from Uganda arrived back at 10.40 last night aboard an El Al Boeing jetliner from Johannesburg. The returnees included five families which had boarded the plane at Nairobi.

Israel will also comply with Uganda's demand that the Embassy staff in Kampala be reduced from seven to four. The three diplomats will also return this week, among them Aluf Mishal Baruch "Barka" Bar-Lev, First Secretary at the Embassy and head of the military delegation, and First Secretary Haim Bosh, who was named by President Amin as chief of Israeli "intelligence agents" in Uganda.

Also expected to return to Israel in the near future are the civilians working on the three big projects cancelled by President Amin on Sunday. These are believed to number about 60 families, together with the Army personnel, accounting for over half of the Israeli community in Uganda.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban reported to the Cabinet on the crisis in relations with Uganda yesterday. There was no discussion and no decisions were taken.

The report is believed to have reflected Israel's policy of refraining from any drastic steps that could lead to a total break in relations with Uganda.

There has as yet been no indication that the crisis will lead to a loss of the same kind in credits which Israel has reported to have extended to Uganda, for the financing of construction projects, training programmes and purchase of equipment, much of it military.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry yesterday unsuccessfully tried to get Israel Television to cancel a Moked panel programme on Uganda, due to be broadcast tonight, it is reliably learned. The Ministry persuaded Mr. Uri Lubanski, formerly Ambassador to Uganda and today a business executive, not to take part in the panel. The Broadcasting Authority Spokesman could not be reached for comment last night.

RAFAH FENCE FINDINGS Officers exceeded their authority

Jerusalem Post Reporter A number of senior Army officers and a Government official "exceeded their authority" in the evacuation of Beduin in the Rafah district and the fencing off of the area for Jewish settlements. This was the conclusion of a committee of inquiry appointed by the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, to investigate complaints by the sheikhs of the tribes involved.

Reporting on the committee findings to the Cabinet yesterday, Rav-Aluf Elazar said that he would act in accordance with recommendations of the Judge Advocate-General on disciplinary measures to be taken against the offenders.

He had appointed a committee to deal with the "rehabilitation" of the evacuated Beduin. At the suggestion of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, regional Ministers of the Agriculture and Justice Ministries were coopted to this committee.

The Chief of Staff told the Cabinet that the committee found that Army officers had neither initiated nor encouraged the lodging of the complaints by the Beduin, as some newspapers had reported.

The matter was first raised in the Cabinet two weeks ago, when Mapam Health Minister Victor Shemtov asked what truth there was in complaints by members of the Beduin that the Beduin Negev kibbutzim, which had been harshly treated during the evacuation operation and had not been adequately compensated.

While no names were mentioned in the official communication, it will be recalled that Southern Command Aluf Ariel Sharon, was responsible for the area at the time the fencing-in took place, during December.

MAPAM TURNABOUT OVER SETTLEMENT

Jerusalem Post Political Reports TEL AVIV. — In another demonstration of dialectics, Mapam turned a political somersault yesterday when its organizational and financial backbone, the Kibbutz Artzi, called for settling the Rafah area.

This came at the close of a week-long political storm which culminates in the today's special Knesset session brought about by the Mapam Secretary's endorsement of the attacks by a rally of leftist kibbutz elements on Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip and the Rafah area. Mapam had come under attack for having sharply opposed fencing operations inside the Gaza Strip well before the inquiry committee of the Chief of Staff had completed its work.

Two decisions were adopted by the Kibbutz Artzi Council, which held a closed session yesterday at its head offices in Leonardo Da Vinci street here. One backed the criticism of the methods used in fencing areas inside the Strip. The operative one came in the form of a recommendation to the Mapam Secretariat "to consider settlement in the Rafah region." Such a decision is tantamount to a policy decision, considering the Kibbutz Artzi's dominant role in the party.

This switch is considered the result of the ascendancy of the moderating influence of Ya'acov Hagan over Meir Ya'ari, his fellow member in Mapam's "historic leadership." Mr. Hagan gained encouragement from the sharp criticism meted out on Thursday by Premier Golda Meir to the Mapam leadership when she inveighed against Mapam's attack on long-standing Government policy on security settlement in the Rafah area. Moreover, the new move by Kibbutz Artzi is also a sharp reprimand to Kerem Shalom, one of its more leftist constituents, which has spearheaded opposition to Jewish settlement in the adjoining Rafah region.

The Kibbutz Artzi decision will make it easier for Mapam's allies in the Labour Party when the Knesset session convenes this morning in Jerusalem, prior to the plenum. Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili has been picked to respond to the opposition motion in the Knesset.

He will ask the House to strike the motion off the agenda, and so doing invite objections at the facton meeting from Labour Party members critical of the kid-gloves treatment of Mapam by their party leadership.

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Officer dies of injuries from Galilee mining

Jerusalem Post Reporter Segen Amikam Kramer (Sagie), 24, from Haifa, who was seriously wounded when a military vehicle touched off a terrorist planted mine near Carmiel ten days ago, died of his injuries in Rambam Hospital in Haifa yesterday.

He was buried in Haifa yesterday afternoon.

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By ANAN SAFADI Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter Nablus Mayor Haj Ma'azouz al-Masri and eight of his councillors last night announced their candidacy for tomorrow's municipal elections, thus assuring an end to two-weeks of uncertainty under which the city was swinging between the possibility of control by an incompetent local administration or rule by a military governor.

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Mayor al-Masri and his eight colleagues have been in the city's 12-man council for eight years. Ten are elected and two are appointed by the Government in accordance with Jordanian law which is "in practice in the area. The mayor's list excluded the 16th council member, ex-mayor Hamdi Kan'an, who withdrew his candidacy last week.

Yesterday's call upon the council to stand for election was seen as a victory for Haj al-Masri, and a defeat to Mr. Kan'an, whose hesitant struggle to topple his former colleagues has evidently left him isolated. It brought the number of candidates to 25. Eight local residents who on Saturday announced their candidacy backed out yesterday in favour of the incumbents just before officially registering their nomination.

RETURN CERTAIN The return of Haj al-Masri and his colleagues seems to be almost certain, as he is likely to garner most of the city's 7,000 votes.

The incumbent council embraces a select group representing the city's most politically and economically influential classes. The councilors are: Deputy Mayor Mohammed el-Amad, Walid Statfiyah, Hassan Abdull-Hadi, Hafez Toukan, Dr. Jamal Khayyat, Haj Siddiq al-Asmar, Adel Shaka'a, Hassan Khatib and Haj Fawzi al-Kadri.

The West Bank Military Government has often expressed its satisfaction with the Masri administration. Haj al-Masri is a shrewd businessman who maintains tight control of the city finances for vital development projects. In local military circles he is often referred to as the "fifty-fifty man," because he insists on the Military Government covering half the costs of whatever development project the Military Government recommends for the city. "He never budges," one officer said of him.

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MALTA, U.K. SIGN NEW DEFENCE PACT



Maltese Premier Dom Mintoff, left, and British Defence Secretary Lord Carrington sign new defence pact at Marlborough House in London yesterday.

LONDON (UPI). — Britain and Malta yesterday signed a new seven-year defence pact after nine months of haggling and a bare five days before the last British troops were to leave. The agreement provided Britain would continue to maintain a garrison of a little more than 3,000 men — only a few hundred fewer than in the past. It also specifically barred its use as a base by the Soviet Union or other Warsaw Pact countries. But it contained no provision for use of Valletta's Grand Harbour by the U.S. Sixth Fleet or other Nato warships. The agreement was signed by Maltese Premier Dom Mintoff and British Defence Secretary Lord Carrington in a brief ceremony at Marlborough House, home of the Commonwealth Secretariat. Mr. Mintoff later told a press conference that for the first time he had been given an assurance by Bri-

tain that the bases in Malta "will not be used against any Arab state." This he said was a very important assurance and if it was broken "then the defence agreement will not hold any more." The Prime Minister added that when the seven-year pact expired Malta would have become economically independent and there would then be no military bases belonging to anyone. It was Malta's intention to be non-aligned. LUNGS VISIT Nato Secretary-General Joseph Luns, who begins an official visit here today, attended the ceremony and a lunch beforehand but did not sign. Under the new pact Britain and Nato together will pay \$14m. annually for use of the bases by British forces. Britain will pay \$5.25m. of this. Italy has also offered Malta \$2.5m. as bilateral economic development aid and the U.S. is expected to consider giving its own bilateral aid to Malta now that the new agreement has been signed. Before Mr. Mintoff's Labour Government came into power, Malta got about \$5m. annually as payment for the use of the British bases. (UPI, Reuters) Eric Silver cables from London: Under the pact, Libyan technicians will also vacate Malta's airport which will revert solely to British Air Force control. The Maltese Premier paid fulsome tribute to the Libyans who, he said, had helped his country survive the nine months of his wrangle with Britain and Nato. He saw Malta's role as that of a bridge between Europe and North Africa but would say nothing about any future Libyan presence. The scale of the continued British presence, including servicemen's families, means that the British spending in Malta as distinct from the rent will remain similar to the old figure of \$15m. a year. When the immediate sums are done this means that Mr. Mintoff will be attracting about \$10m. a year more than he was doing under the previous agreement. This represents an increase of about 50 per cent. The effect of the nine-month dispute on Malta's economy, however, is likely to prove so serious that the net gain will be negligible. The basic civilian industries are at a standstill and business confidence, domestic and foreign, has fallen very heavily.

U.S. grounds A-7 jets in Vietnam after third crash

SAIGON (AP). — A third A-7 fighter-bomber, the aircraft which has been grounded or restricted to urgent missions only because of engine problems, has crashed in the past week and the pilot is missing, the U.S. Command announced yesterday. A spokesman for the 7th Fleet said a Navy A-7 Corsair crashed Thursday 100 kms. southwest of Da Nang, but announcement was withheld until Sunday pending completion of a search for the pilot. The plane was returning to the carrier Kitty Hawk from a mission in Laos. Shortly after the crash — the second for the Navy in Indochina in five days — the 60 A-7s deployed on board 7th Fleet aircraft carriers in Southeast Asia were grounded. The Air Force grounded all of its 144 A-7D Corsairs assigned to the Tactical Air Command at U.S. bases following a crash March 19 of one of the planes. It marked the second time in five months that the A-7s have been grounded. Elsewhere, the U.S. Command reported that a helicopter gunship was shot down Saturday in the Central Highlands, 20 kms. northwest of Kootum. The two crewmen were rescued. In the southern Central Highlands, a U.S. truck was ambushed on Highway 11, about 9 kms. south of the resort town of Dalat. One American soldier was wounded, and the truck sustained minor damage, the Command said. The Saigon military command, meanwhile, raised to 106 the number of North Vietnamese troops claimed killed in day-long fighting on Saturday near Firebase Bastogne, a former base of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division, 18 kms. southwest of Hue.

We share the grief of our dear friend **Nakhan Genen** on the untimely death of his sister **LEAH** In our sincere condolences to the family. **Ettia and Issachar Haimovic**

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who extended their condolences on the death of our beloved **HEINZ PICARD** On behalf of the family **LISA PICARD**

In deep sorrow we feel the death of our beloved relative and friend **Adolfo (Dolly) Silberman** Dr. Joseph and Martha PLESKOFF Isidor BRODSKY and Family Israel ADLERSTEIN and Family Robert and Sonia NEHMAN

We express our condolences to **MICHAEL ELIZUR** on the death of his **FATHER** The National Executive and The Israel Office of the American Jewish Committee

On the first anniversary of the death of my wife, my beloved mother **ANNI SILBERBACH** a memorial meeting and the unveiling of the tombstone will take place today, Monday, March 27, at 4 p.m. at the Bat Yam-Holon Cemetery. Transportation will leave at 3.30 p.m. from Rehov Yehuda Halevi, corner Rehov Cremieux, Tel Aviv. Dr. Walter and Maya Silberbach

Chou attends banquet for Riad

PEKING (Reuters). — Chinese Premier Chou En-lai last night attended a banquet given by Mr. Mahmoud Riad, personal representative and adviser on foreign affairs to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, in what has been interpreted as a significant gesture. The dinner was given by Mr. Riad in honour of Vice-Premier Li Hsieng-chen to return one given by Mr. Li on Wednesday, and Mr. Chou's attendance was a surprise and seen here as a special mark of respect for the former Egyptian Foreign Minister. Also, in departure from usual protocol, an after-dinner speech was delivered by Chinese Foreign Minister Chi Pen-fei. Stressing China's support of the Arab peoples' liberation struggles, he said "The Chinese Government believes that it is impossible to gain at the conference table what one cannot win on the battlefield. We resolutely support the Egyptian Government in its protracted struggle to recover the occupied Arab territories."

Mr. Chou's presence at the banquet and Mr. Chi's statement were seen by observers here as indication of an upward move in Sino-Egyptian relations — which have not been particularly good since the Six Day War — following the week's talks. BELFAST (UPI). — Protestant extremists yesterday forecast "huge success" in a two-day strike they called to sabotage plans for direct rule of Northern Ireland. The protest was to begin at midnight yesterday. "There has been a British sellout of loyalist (Protestant) Ulster," said a spokesman for the Vanguard, the hard-line Ulster right-wing organization. Vanguard's leader, former Home Affairs Minister William Craig, said he expected more than 185,000 Protestant workers to walk off their jobs today. He termed the strike "a flexing of muscles to indicate our strength... the beginning of a continuing campaign... to make the British Government see that its plan for Ulster is doomed to failure."

Peking hit by tremor

BELGRADE (AP). — An earthquake shook Peking Saturday night and caused considerable damage, a report from the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said here yesterday. The report said the shock caused some buildings and at least one old building had collapsed. It added that the Chinese press, which does not normally inform the public of natural disasters, has not reported the quake.

French A-tests due in June

PAPETE, Tahiti (UPI). — France will conduct two atmospheric nuclear tests in its Pacific experimental centre on or around June 1, a French Government official said yesterday. French Polynesia's chief executive Governor, Pierre Angeli, said procedures had begun to conduct tests "of very feeble importance for checking and verifying." France abruptly cancelled last year's series of atomic tests on September 1 following protests by Pacific area nations including Australia, New Zealand and Japan. Peru threatened to break off diplomatic relations with France. The French never admitted in public they ended the tests to bow to Peruvian pressure.

Soviet Salt negotiator back for talks

HELSINKI (Reuters). — Chief Soviet negotiator Vladimir Smytnov arrived here yesterday by train from Leningrad for the seventh round of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (Salt) with the U.S. Beginning tomorrow and alternating between the respective embassies here, the two sides will have eight weeks of negotiation before the Moscow visit of President Nixon. In marked contrast with Saturday's arrival statement by the head of the U.S. team, Mr. Gerard Smith, the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister expressed no hopes or expectations for the forthcoming session in his statement at the railway station here. He referred to the comments made by Communist Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev at last Monday's 15th Congress of the Soviet Trade Unions that Moscow attached great importance to Salt and was in favour of achieving mutually acceptable agreement on the basis of the principle of identical security.

Mr. & Mrs. Morris Davis offer condolences to the family on the untimely death of **ELIEZER GRUSZKA**

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Iraqi delegation starts Cairo talks

CAIRO (Reuters). — A high-level Iraqi delegation, which has been spending five days conferring in Damascus, last night began talks with Egyptian officials on an Iraqi proposal for a union between Egypt, Syria and Iraq — but without any mention of Libya. The Iraqis, who left Damascus yesterday, are led by Vice-President Saddam Hussein al Takriti and the delegation met with an Egyptian one headed by Vice-President Mahmoud Fawzi. President Sadat is in Mersa Matruh, the port on the western border, following two days of talks with Libyan chief of state Muammer Gaddafi. The Iraqi proposal was put forward 11 days ago as a counter to King Hussein's plan for a federal kingdom of both banks of the Jordan. Syria had told the Iraqi delega-

tion that it will submit the Iraqi proposal to the presidential council of the federation. A press statement issued by the Syrian Government on the results of talks with the Iraqi delegation, said that the two sides discussed the current situation in the area, the Iraqi proposal, and bilateral relations. The two sides, the statement said, emphasized the importance of the unified action as a basic means to achieve Arab goals "in building a united Arab socialist society and in countering the Zionist enemy. The Syrian side, therefore, emphasized that it will submit the Iraqi proposals to the Presidential Council of the United Arab Republic for discussions." The Presidential Council is composed of the presidents of Egypt, Syria and Libya.

Protestants to strike against Ulster plan

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bomb in an abandoned car damaged eight stores on the town's main street. Two persons were treated at a hospital for shock, the army said. Two army patrols in Belfast came under sniper attack during the evening. There were no casualties and fire was not returned. The incidents came as reports persisted that some battalion officers of the Irish Republic Army "Provisional Wing" favoured calling a 60- or 90-day truce because of British Government political moves. Both the official and Provisional I.R.A. in Dublin have denied the reports. They said the British Government's announced takeover of the Northern Ireland Government would not affect their campaign to forcibly unite mostly Protestant Northern Ireland with the mainly Roman Catholic Irish Republic. William Whitelaw, the new Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, returned home on Saturday night after a one-day trip to Belfast to meet army chiefs and civil authorities. Yesterday he was seeing Prime Minister Edward Heath on his preliminary moves to implement peace in Northern Ireland. Before leaving Northern Ireland, Whitelaw told newsmen he personally would study the files of everyone currently under detention. More than 900 persons have been detained since interment without trial was introduced seven months ago.

Ex-general's son seized in Caucasus

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Ukrainian Yuri Shukhevich, 37, whose father, a former general, headed an extremist armed group of nationalists before and during World War II, has been arrested in the Caucasus, reliable sources said here yesterday. They said Shukhevich, who has already served a total of 20 years in Soviet labour camps, was detained in the town of Nalchik in the beginning of March. His arrest was believed connected with the detention of Mrs. Nina Karavanskaya last December while travelling from Nalchik to Odessa, the sources said. A microbiologist, Mrs. Karavanskaya has been charged under the Ukrainian Criminal Code with offences involving "anti-Soviet agitation," according to the "Chronicle of Current Events," an underground publication. Shukhevich's father served under Stepan Bandera, who was active in the traditionally nationalist western Ukraine, and announced formation of an independent state when the Nazis occupied Lvov in the Second World War. He and his group were arrested and sent to concentration camps.

Cubans, J.D.L. protest call by Soviet ship

MIAMI (Reuters). — The Soviet oceanographic research vessel Kurshov was met by more than 100 Cuban exiles and members of the Jewish Defence League when it docked in Miami harbour Saturday. The Russians have been invited to conferences here this week by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. U.S. and Soviet scientists are to compare notes on oceanic studies made in the Caribbean. Several demonstrators carried signs such as "Wake Up U.S.A., the Russians are Here," and "Russians Go Home." A lone demonstrator with a sign welcoming the Russians was set upon by the hostile crowd. Ben Weintraub, a member of the Jewish Defence League from Washington, said, "We are going to harass the Russians at every opportunity during their shore leave. The same Government that sent this ship to the Caribbean, sends dissenting Jews to labour camps in Siberia." Cuban exiles burned a Russian flag in front of the Soviet crew.

Feet on fire

SYDNEY (Reuters). — Walter Gates of Sydney suffers from sore feet but they were positively painful yesterday — they burst into flames as he was out walking on Saturday night. For years he has rubbed his feet with methylated spirit before his evening stroll. Police said Saturday night's routine was as usual until he carelessly flicked away a cigarette and went up in flames. A hospital spokesman said Mr. Gates' condition was satisfactory.

Cables in brief

PAGE. — Zambia and Rumania yesterday signed a series of agreements in Lusaka, on technical and educational cooperation, a cultural exchange programme and the abolition of visa requirements between them. Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu is currently on a five-day state visit in Zambia. SHOES. — Some 942 pairs of women's boots are being sold off at one koppek (about five agorot) in the main department store at Pnasa because they are 30 years out of fashion, the Moscow weekly news paper "Nedelya" reported. Similar luxury boots in fur are going for 10 koppeks. TOWN. — New South Wales, farmer E. L. Timms has bought a deserted town adjoining his farm at Ulong, 375 miles north of Sydney, for \$A35 (about \$1475). It contains 63 buildings on 20 acres of land. SQUATTING. — About 300 homeless Romans have occupied 60 cheap apartments in a block on the city's outskirts. Police have moved in to prevent the apartments in the area being taken over.

Five terrorists slain in Philippine clash

MANILA (AP). — Five members of the anti-government New People's Army (N.P.A.) and a government trooper were killed in an encounter in a village in the northern Philippine province of Isabela, between police and the N.P.A., the "Manila Times" said yesterday. Quoting National Police reports, the "Times" said the clash took place when Government troops discovered an N.P.A. camp in Bungang, Isabela. The gun battle lasted for an hour.

Ministers study high cost of housing

The Cabinet yesterday set up a committee of Ministers to study the situation of the construction industry. The chairman will be Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharef, who proposed the establishment of the committee. The other members are the Ministers of Agriculture, Commerce and Industry, Labour, Interior and Immigration, Absorption and the Governor of the Bank of Israel. The committee will go into the question of the high price of housing, which has been the subject of public controversy for many months. Among the possible measures likely to be considered are the release of public land for construction in order to reduce land prices and cutting taxes on building materials.

TROOST AROMATIC CAVENDISH PIPE TOBACCO cool in summer comfortable in winter

Yemenis say 60 slain at wedding

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The Yemeni Republic yesterday accused armed men from Southern Yemen of machine-gunning a wedding ceremony, killing 60 men, women and children and injuring several others. A statement by the Yemeni Arab Republic Embassy here said this was one of a number of new incidents committed by the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen in the past few days, resulting in more than 80 people being killed and scores of others being wounded. The statement said the attack on the wedding ceremony took place in Wazieh Village, near the southwest border between the two countries. In another incident, according to the statement, a mine was planted in a house in another village near the border, killing a woman. "During the funeral, a land mine went off on the road to the cemetery and 12 people were killed and several others wounded," the statement added. The statement continued: "The Sana'a authorities consider the Aden authorities fully responsible for any consequences resulting from these attacks against life and property, and declare that there are limits to Sana'a's patience. If the Aden authorities persist in this policy a civil war will follow."

Mena banned in South Yemen

LONDON (ENA). — The "Sunday Telegraph" reported yesterday, "An Egyptian Government agency has become the first casualty in Russia's struggle with China for influence in the Persian Gulf. The Marxist government of South Yemen has demanded that the Middle East News Agency should stop operating in Aden." The agency is an official Egyptian organization. This move came in retaliation for Egypt's closure in Cairo of the office of the Popular Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Arab Gulf. That step was taken at the insistence of Russia, which is afraid of the expansion of Chinese influence in southern Arabia. Both the Soviet Union and China are pouring money and arms into the impoverished South Yemen, most extreme of all the Arab states, and Russia has just delivered a consignment of tanks and Mig-17 planes, the paper reported. China helps the Aden regime with technical assistance, but it sends arms and instructors to assist the South Yemen-based rebels fighting in neighbouring Dhofar.

Boumedienne to meet Bourguiba next month

ALGIERS (Reuters). — Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba will probably hold a summit meeting in Tunis next month, official sources said here Saturday night. They said the date of the summit — which will be the first meeting between the two North African leaders — had not been fixed definitely, but would probably be announced at the end of the current visit here by Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Nouria. Tunisian official sources said the meeting was scheduled in principle for the last week of April.

Martial law remains in 11 Turkish provinces

ANKARA (AP). — The Turkish Parliament Saturday night extended for another two months martial law in 11 provinces as Interior Minister Ferit Kubat said the democratic parliamentary regime is still in danger. Among major parties, only the moderate-left Republican People Party opposed extension. Kubat read a 42-page statement in his extremist, mostly leftist, activities uncovered by martial law authorities in the last two months.

16 SMALLPOX CASES IN SYRIA REPORTED

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — The Syrian Health Ministry has notified the World Health Organization (WHO) about 16 cases of smallpox in northeast Syria, it was announced here. Health Minister Mahmoud Sa'adah said the outbreak was in the Mayadin area of the Deir el-Zor Province. He said the Ministry had decided to launch a general vaccination drive and seal off some of the villages in the eastern provinces. The first case was a child who had arrived from Iraq recently, the Minister added.

Iriyat Tel Aviv-Yafo Centre for Progressive Culture MUNICIPALITY OF TEL AVIV-YAFO Department of Culture, Youth and Sport On Monday, March 27, 1972, at 6.00 p.m. at the new seat of the "Iriyat" club, 30 Rehov Dan Givoli, Tel Aviv AN EXHIBITION OF ETCHINGS AND DRAWINGS **ROBERT NADLER** will open. In the presence of Mrs. SHOSHANA ERAN Opening address: Dr. MOSHE SPITZER The exhibition will remain open until Thursday, April 6, 1972 from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. and from 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

MUTUAL RESERVATIONS Bhutto-Gandhi talks expected in April

NEW DELHI — A meeting between Pakistan President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is expected to take place in April. India still has doubts that the Pakistan leader is sincerely committed to an abiding settlement of the conflicts between the two countries, while Mr. Bhutto also holds similar reservations about India's intentions. Before the meeting is possible, both leaders will have to overcome some of their mutual mistrust.

The Soviet Union has suggested that India should take Bhutto's call for peace and negotiation (rather than confrontation) at its face value and give him a chance. India is inclined to go along with this.

Letters on the localities of the meeting and its time are passing between Indian and Pakistan through the Swiss, whose embassies look after the interests of each country in the other.

Though the need for talks is most urgent with Bhutto, he is nervous that India, as the victor, will insist on terms that will be politically disastrous for him, and that it would use the prisoners of war — his vulnerable flank — to extract harsh concessions.

Indoctrinated

He said he knew that Pakistanis held prisoner by India had been indoctrinated and put into separate camps according to ethnic origin. "But India cannot convert them into Hindus even if she tries for a hundred years."

Continuing in an angry mood, President Bhutto said if India wanted to keep prisoners for 20 years, India can keep them for 20 years. "And if I'm not acceptable, I'll stop asking," he said.

"So let us now come down to reality. Either you (India) accept now the question of peace with honour, or you stop the humiliation of my armed forces and my people."

"And stop the brutal killing of my people."

"And if the people of Pakistan cannot stomach that, I tell them goodbye. Find someone else to take up the responsibility."

Mr. Bhutto said the choice was quite clear.

"The question is this — if India wants to take this attitude, she'll either have to deal with another civilian president or another military regime."

Climate for talks

The Soviet Union has assured that it will create a climate that would make the talks possible. Mr. Bhutto in his turn is expected to help the Soviets realize the revived collective security agreement they have proposed for Asia.

India has sent assurances that it has no designs on Pakistan's integrity and independence. It has indicated the issues that it would like discussed. These would be a categorical and mutual renunciation of the use of force to settle disputes; the Kashmir problem; cessation of cease-fire line into permanent international boundaries; give and take on both sides; and the restoration of diplomatic relations.

New record set in marathon race

STANBUL — The 42-km. "Tah" relay race ended Saturday with the ruins of ancient Troy beside the new record-holder, Masrahki of Tel Aviv University. Despite muddy conditions over the last three kilometres of the course, Masrahki managed to finish the race in two hours, 36 minutes and 28 seconds — the fastest time in the event's five-year history.

Coming in second was Gavriel Koren of Yad Mordechai, with a time of 3:14.2. Champion Zvi Segal of Tel Aviv walked the distance in 3:52.0.

The race, which commemorates the battle with the Philistines at the 3,050 years ago, was organized by Yitzhak Braz for Masrahki's committee on popular sports. The prize is a shield in memory of paratrooper Shmuel Yehel, which is presented to the winner by his father. Also honoured with prize was Zvi Segal of the police, having taken part in all five races to date.

The race was observed this year by a research team from Tel Hadya hospital, who made various tests on the runners before and after the marathon race.

Wife of hijack trial condemned beaten by police

MOSCOW (AP) — The wife of a defendant in the second Leningrad hijack trial was detained, searched and severely beaten just after she visited her husband at the Potma labour camp, Jewish sources reported last week.

The sources said policemen arrested Eva Butman and a companion March 20 at the Potma railroad station and held them for six hours. The two had been waiting for a train back to Moscow after Mrs. Butman visited her husband, Gilel Butman, at the Potma Camp complex about 480 km. southeast of the capital.

Butman, a 39-year-old Leningrad engineer, was sentenced to a 10-year term last May for complicity in an alleged plot to hijack a small airliner from Leningrad airport and flee to Israel.

The sources also reported that nine Jewish prisoners and 10 non-Jews staged a hunger strike March 11-15 to protest against conditions in the Potma camp. Among the Jews were Viktor Boguslavsky and Anatoly Altman, also sentenced in connection with the hijack plot. Boguslavsky suffered a mild heart attack on the third day of the strike, the sources said.



Luxembourg Eurovision prizewinner Vicky Leandros waves to the audience at Usher Hall, Edinburgh, Saturday night, after winning the song contest. (AP Photo)

Mexican terrorism put down

By ALAN BENNETT

MEXICO CITY (FWF) — After a couple of years of increasing banditry and armed political subversion — which led, among other things, to the expulsion last year of five members of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City (most of them allegedly KGB agents) — the Mexican police have scored a notable success this year with the capture of seven members of the Frente Urbano Zapata (FUZ) who were believed to have been responsible for the kidnapping last September of Jolie Hirschfeld Almada, Mexico's Director of Civil Aviation and a wealthy and close friend of the President, Luis Echeverria Alvarez.

The armoury displayed to the press by the police consisted of considerable quantities of modern sub-machine guns, and though the capture of the FUZ guerrillas was a notable coup, there remains anxiety that left-wing plots to create unrest in the country — where political turbulence is by no means a new or infrequent phenomenon and where preparation has been well advanced for at least the last three years — have by no means exhausted their impetus.

Mysterious death

Almost simultaneously the rebel leader of the Guerrero region near Acapulco, Genaro Vasquez Rojas — named as "man of the year" by one Mexico City left-wing weekly — met his death in circumstances which are still far from clear. Early reports were to the effect that he had been killed in a gun-battle with the Mexican armed forces. The new official version is that he met his death in a road accident, and that stories to the contrary are merely attempts to build up to greater heights the legendary reputation he had achieved as a "Robin Hood" or Che Guevara-type bandit fighter. Thirty-four years old and a former school teacher, he achieved fame for his exploits which included the kidnapping last November of the Rector of Guerrero University, Senor Castrejon.

On that occasion the ransom demand included the release of nine political prisoners, who — after Castrejon had been held for a week — were duly released by the government and flown to Cuba. Castrejon's opinion

of his captors was that they were politically unsophisticated and, to put it mildly, not over-intelligent. Since Guerrero is one of the least developed regions of Mexico, it may well be that the kidnapping was no more than a piece of melodrama with a superficial coating of political glamour.

Nevertheless, political violence has troubled Mexico since the confrontation between students and police at the time of the Olympic Games in 1968, repercussions of which continue to be felt.

Soviet plan

There can be little doubt that since about that time, and even before, a deliberate Soviet plan had been put into action to recruit, send for training to Patrice Lumumba University in Moscow and then return to Mexico, under North Korean auspices, a number of disaffected young Mexicans, the chief of whom has been named as Fabricio Gomez Souza, Gomez, already potentially a misfit in both his profession and in Mexican society, received special training both in Moscow and then in Pyongyang, and was the organizer of at least two groups of Mexican students who returned to their country about August 1970 as members of the Movimiento de Accion Revolucionaria (MAR).

By July of last year the 40 or so members of MAR were reportedly ready to begin a campaign of bombing and terrorism in Mexico City. Less clear is whether they were also involved in a series of bank robberies and threatened kidnappings in three separate areas of the country: Acapulco, Monterrey and Chihuahua.

But in the last three months of last year a wave of bank robberies took place in these centres and in Guadalajara — the latest just before Christmas.

In January of this year there were two armed robberies in Chihuahua

ELECTION DANGER FOR BRANDT'S 'OSTPOLITIK'

By BRIAN ARTHUR

BOONN — Even if socialist Chancellor Willy Brandt should be toppled over his controversial eastern policy, it is certain a new government under conservative Rainer Barzel will not return to the rigid posture towards the East bloc adopted by the Christian Democratic (CDU) predecessors.

On the contrary, Mr. Barzel will seek to salvage what he can from the ruins left by Mr. Brandt's non-aggression pact with Moscow and Warsaw fail to gain necessary parliamentary approval in the decisive ratification debate May 3-4.

The opposition leader frankly conceded last week that a new CDU government "cannot simply pick up again where (former CDU Chancellor) Kurt Kiesinger left off" in 1969. This held true also "for our (East-West) German and foreign policies," he added.

Mr. Barzel indicated that, once in power, he would even agree to a European security conference as sought by the Russians — if the Kremlin permits last September's four-power Berlin agreement to go into force. Moscow has so far said it won't sign the final Berlin protocol until Bonn has ratified the eastern treaties.

Goodwill pacts

Mr. Barzel has already abandoned many cornerstones of Christian Democratic eastern policy. Thus, he has never rejected outright Mr. Brandt's goodwill pacts with the Poles and Soviets. Instead, Mr. Barzel has hinged acceptance to fulfilment of several flexible conditions by Moscow, among them inclusion of the right to all-German self-determination in the treaty "framework."

Almost unnoticed by the broad public at home, Mr. Barzel has expressly accepted Communist East Germany as a "political reality" with which he is ready to sign a "basic treaty regulating mutual relations," wording almost identical to that used by Mr. Brandt.

It is believed Mr. Barzel hardly relishes the prospect of harvesting the wrath of both East and West for letting the treaties fall and maintaining most of the movement towards détente which has built up over the past two years.

Against this background, Germany's respected newspaper "Frankfurter Allgemeine" reported a few days ago the CDU may attempt a "vote of no-confidence" in the Bundestag to oust Mr. Brandt before the eastern treaties come up for a decision in early May.

Assuming he could muster enough dissatisfied government deputies to elect him Chancellor, Mr. Barzel could then "lay the treaties aside," as he has in the past suggested, presumably in hopes of gaining more concessions from the Kremlin.

New elections

CDU sources say this is "hypothetical" at the moment, and Mr. Barzel himself repeated over the weekend that he prefers dissolution of parliament and "new elections as the most agreeable solution."

The threat of new elections may well provide the more realistic key

for all parties to avoid the international embarrassment resulting from defeat of Mr. Brandt's "Ostpolitik."

This is because the weakest link in the Chancellor's coalition, the tiny liberal party (FDP), is terrified at the thought of new elections now, when it must fear it will slip below the five per cent total votes it needs by law for seating in parliament.

Under the constitution, the initiative for dissolving parliament rests solely with the Chancellor. Informed sources say Social Democrats Brandt is using his power as a "catalyst" over the heads of potentially renegade Free Democrats who might vote against the eastern treaties but also fear for their political future in new elections.

Mr. Brandt presently has a slim Bundestag majority of 250 against 246 for the opposition. He needs an absolute majority of 249 to override a veto of his eastern treaties by the conservative upper house (Bundesrat) which represents the ten German states.

If the Chancellor can hold the unstable FDP in line, he may also get help in the crucial ratification debate from a number of C.D.U. deputies, apparently with tacit agreement of the C.D.U.'s leadership itself. The C.D.U., surprisingly announced recently it will not invoke strict party discipline on its deputies in the final treaty vote.

Incredible as it may sound at the moment, sources say Mr. Brandt is not ruling out an unexpected edge of a dozen or more votes in favour of the treaties, including conservative abstentions and "absenteeism," — all tacitly tolerated, if not secretly promoted, by Mr. Brandt.

Under these conditions it would be easier for the Bundestag upper house to "yield" to parliament's "will" and pass the treaties by a narrow edge.

Mr. Brandt's "Ostpolitik" would be saved, his government would be saved, and Mr. Barzel could wait until the next regular elections in 1973 with the prospect of returning to power and building his own eastern policy on the long-forgotten nonaggression pacts.

"Well, let them build a progressive state like Libya and a real army like the Egyptian one..."



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VISITORS' GALLERY: JACOB STEIN

Optimism and reassuring facts

If anyone is worried about the continued survival of a vital American Jewish community, they should talk to Jacob Stein. It is not so much the natural optimism of this affable man, who was recently elected Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, but the facts that he enumerates that are so reassuring.



JACOB STEIN

Mr. Stein says that five million American Jews are represented in the Presidents' Conference and American Jewry has never been better organized and more vital in spirit than at present. "We can mobilize our people whenever physical presence is required to register our feelings on matters of interest to us," he says.

On the significance of the Jewish vote in a Presidential election year, he pointed out: "Jews are politically an articulate group. Although our vote only comprises 2.9 per cent of the electorate, our participation in opinion-making has a much wider effect than our actual numbers." He dislikes the way people wave the spectre of a Jewish bloc vote, holding that as Americans they vote in keeping with their particular view on how America should be governed and who was the best man to do it. However, he did note that the Presidents' Conference served as the collective voice of organized U.S. Jewry on matters pertaining to Israel and oppressed Jewish communities in the Soviet Union and the Arab lands.

President Nixon and his aides, like previous Administrations, strive to maintain constant contact with the Presidents' Conference because of its representative character. Unlike previous Administrations, Mr. Stein notes, Mr. Nixon's does not have a special official responsible for links with the Jewish community. Instead, their contacts with the White House are with a series of top-ranking individuals.

More Jews for Nixon

Mr. Stein believes that many more Jews will vote for the Republicans this November than before, because of Nixon's record in aiding Israel, and his stand on the Middle East. This would — he guessed — increase Jewish support and could swing the vote in states that carry much weight.

The leadership of the Presidents' Conference hoped to meet Mr. Nixon before he goes to Moscow, and ask him to raise the issue of Soviet Jewry in his conversations at the Kremlin.

The Presidents' Conference hopes to be invited to appear — as in the past — before the platform committees of the contesting parties. Once both Conventions have ended, they will meet the candidates of both parties to exchange views, particularly on three issues: Israel, Soviet Jewry and U.S. position on the Middle East.

Asked about the claim of Republican Party official Warren Adler that the Republicans "want Jewish money, rather than Jewish votes," Mr. Stein said: "I think that all candidates seek money from whom ever they can get it. Naturally there is nothing wrong in the elementary right of supporting candidates for elected office."

At 55, Jacob Stein reached the

money but of a dynamic approach to the problems... We have given our children too superficial a Jewish education, and we have to convey to them Judaism that has a meaningful content for the young generation." Priority must now go to Jewish education, since the Government has assumed support of the hospitals which in the past took up so much of communal funds, he states.

Although the three streams of American Jewry were converging, Mr. Stein noted that definite differences distinguished them, and it was certainly untrue, as some Israeli politicians sought to prove, that the Orthodox trend represented the mainstream of the community. The United Synagogue was now seeking to draw youth back to the synagogue, and had learned that the younger generation disliked the large congregations with Jewish synagogue centres, preferring smaller groups in private homes. "In a way it's a return to the shtetl," he notes.

This was another indication of the vitality of American Jewry, which also found expression in the rash of small Jewish newspapers put out by students and youngsters. Speaking generally, he says that Judaism means different things to different American Jews — for some it's the synagogue, for others it's a commitment to various welfare agencies. "We have a really committed community that wishes to express itself. We can assemble 100,000 Jews for a rally in Washington or 20,000 for a mass meeting at the Madison Square Garden," he said.

The other cheek

"We are not complacent and we are not going to turn the other cheek anymore," he added. Referring to the many cases of desecration of U.S. synagogues, he explained that this wave of vandalism was not specifically anti-synagogue but had also been aimed at a large number of churches. He felt that "all this talk of Holocaust hanging over American Jewry is so much talk. Indeed, I abhor the vulgarization of the concept."

As to why American Jewry had not managed to set up a representative body to handle its internal affairs, like the Presidents' Conference does on political issues, Mr. Stein explained that this was premature. However he did point to the existence of the National Jewish Community Relations Council (NJCRC), which has Albert Arendt, a prominent Washington lawyer, as its President. Its task was to coordinate between the Jewish organizations in areas where there was no ideological conflict, he explained, adding after a moment's thought: "In Israel, it's difficult to grasp how hard we fight to be Jewish."

Mr. Stein has three children. His lawyer son, Stuart, has made his home in Tel Aviv and works for the law office of Mr. Haim Zadok, M.P.

The United Synagogue plans to open an Israel Centre in Jerusalem, on the corner of Agron and Keren Hayesod streets. In addition, they intend assisting the five Conservative congregations existing in Israel: in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Ashkelon and Rehovot.

MARIE SEGAL



The Hagana Memorial on Mt. Carmel, the work of sculptor Mordecai Kafri of Nahalal, commemorating the men who fell in defence of the Carmel forests and the approaches to Haifa during the Arab riots of 1936-1939. The 40-ton basalt block, more than four metres high, stands on a 17-dunam site called "Hagana Hill," the gift of the National Parks Authority. It overlooks the sea, the city, the Zebulun Plain and Galilee. An inscription cites Isaiah, XXXVII:35 — "I will defend this city to save it..." The Hagana Veterans Organization plans to dedicate the memorial tomorrow, March 28, the 24th anniversary of the liberation of Haifa.

Broadcasting Orchestra adds more strings to its bow

The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, Gary Bertini, conductor; Eva Bravathina, piano; Dan Frieda, tower; Kibbutzim Choirs directed by Kri Doyon, Yehuda Engel, Maya Shavit and Dina Carmi (Shayna Ra'onna, Jerusalem, March 21); Haydn: Symphony in C minor, No. 32; Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto in E-flat minor; Kodaly: "Psalmus Hungaricus".



THE Israel Broadcasting Orchestra has bolstered its string sections for its eight subscription concerts at Binyanei Ha'oma because of the size of the hall. This means that every four or six weeks, some players join the ranks of the orchestra, and after only a few rehearsals, try to adapt to the bowing, phrasing and sound character of the whole orchestra, which is itself hard put to get used to the acoustics, superior to the YMCA auditorium where they usually play, but vastly different, making group precision very difficult.

Having been allotted seats in the fifth row, much too close to the orchestra's place on stage, I could not help hearing each of the individual performances of the violins (especially the firsts). I also had the impression that the violins and the cello-bass groups were not always in the same rhythm. As a result, the performance of the Haydn Symphony — one of his best — suffered from lack of precision and of uniform sound quality. The performance needed more grace and charm. But in the finale, the violins were driven to some near brilliant performance, and a well built-up orchestral climax brought the symphony to a more satisfactory end.

Our trepidation at the prospect of hearing the Tchaikovsky Concerto — which can only be endured today in a truly great performance

— was justified. The soloist did not measure up in any way to the double challenge of the work: to be brilliant technically, and to give a convincing musical interpretation. Miss Bernathova did not employ brachial force where needed, and her soft passages, though secondary in importance, were often inaudible (despite my close listening position). Her performance of the solo part sounded (and looked) laboured, strained and was never masterly. The orchestra's contribution often bordered on disintegration.

This was no way to present such a well-known work. Unfortunately, most of our audiences are either ignorant or polite, and will give generous applause no matter how bad the performance.

Kodaly's "Psalmus Hungaricus" was beautifully executed by Gary Bertini and all performers. Dan Frieda, a newcomer from Switzerland, sang the solo part with well-trained, controlled voice, proving his solid musicianship in a cultured and intelligent rendition. The combined choir — numbering over 120 voices — performed with clear intonation, precision of attack and well balanced sound, fresh in quality and clear in texture — a fine example of the musical culture maintained in kibbutzim. The orchestra was satisfactory, and Gary Bertini deserves much credit. YOHANAN BOEHM

Readers' letters

'Land Bridge' reconsidered

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir,—In outlining the problems of the Port of Eilat in his article of March 9, Dr. Ater makes the common assumption that the "Land Bridge" is good for Eilat and important to Israel's economy. I think the time has come to challenge this basic misconception, including the findings of the Dar Committee.

The Land Bridge offers an alternative for certain goods moving between Europe and East-Africa, an alternative to the long Cape route. However, its existence is justified only as long as the Suez Canal is closed. (As opposed to the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline, which will be competitive even with the Canal open).

Contrary to Dr. Ater's conception, the Land Bridge has developed beyond all expectation; and, during 1971, 40,000 tons of freight passed through it—a figure that even the optimists expected to reach only in 1976. But, what is all this leading to? The ports of Eilat and Ashdod, the carriers (sea as well as land), etc., all have to be geared to handle a growing traffic — only to look forward to a "bright" future of losing it.

The biggest blow will surely fall on Eilat; and, the bigger the traffic, the greater the damage. We have seen the reaction of the Eilat Port workers to the current plans of Eilat to divert its cargo via the Panama Canal to the Mediterranean ports. In the Land Bridge, we are again creating a situation which will end in disappointment for these workers.

In the meantime, Land Bridge cargoes are adding to the congestion in Ashdod and Haifa, costing the

economy dearly every day. It also accentuates delays in Eilat. The suggestion to use containers for handling Land Bridge cargoes is not functional since none of the ports in East Africa is capable of handling containers, nor will be in the foreseeable future.

There are two reasons for operating the Land Bridge: one is political, the other is economic. As for the political consideration, it is doubtful whether the magnitude of the traffic will ever reach such a size as to influence the contributing countries. Economically, the marginal profits made by Kedem Investments, and resources tied up and the future damage to the parties concerned. A more productive policy with regard to strengthening the city of Eilat might be the consideration of an industrial hinterland concentrating on those industries whose raw materials enter through Eilat and whose finished products, to a large extent, leave through Eilat — i.e., clothing (cotton), tires (rubber), asbestos.

MICHAEL UNGER, Haifa, March 15.

BRITISH ZIONIST FEDERATION ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir,—Permit me to correct some of the facts in your report on March 14 on the results of the elections of the British Zionist Federation. Poole Zion won two vice-presidencies in the provinces, and the majority in the executive councils in London and the provinces.

SIDNEY GOLDBERG, London, March 15.

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Complacency aids Arab boycott

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

THE Arab boycott impedes investment in Israel. Not all kinds of investment, and not from all sources, but the obstacle exists. You won't find a single major European industrial concern directly involved in this country — except sayland, and they are on their way out," Mr. Yeshayahu Stopper, direc-

mercials relations strained by the need to discriminate between one supplier and another.

The easiest way is to yield, and Israel has done so up to now. The reason for this is the atmosphere of hush-hush which surrounds the topic. We are accustomed not to admit that the boycott exists, because (it is said) we might encourage the Arabs.

Almost two decades have passed since the Arab League and the Gulf sheikhdoms declared the boycott in 1955. If our studied silence on the subject was intended to discourage the conspiracy, that has not happened. On the contrary, where vigorous action was taken against the boycott, it collapsed. It thrives precisely where we do nothing.

If we do nothing, it is natural for a foreign business firm, faced with a threatening letter from Mr. Mahgoub, the boycott's Commissioner-General, to yield. Abstaining from investment in Israel is easy enough — there are plenty of other places where to invest.

Unchecked, the situation can have undesirable side-effects. There is a trend towards mergers in the modern world. Some firms, on the lookout for this kind of opportunity, have been over-susceptible to Arab pressure, in case a black-listing might be looked at askance by possible negotiating partners.

Admittedly Israel can scarcely penalize a manufacturing establishment for not building a factory in Israel; but the problem is bigger than that. There are firms that do not sell goods to Israel, in response to the boycott — even though selling goods is not one of the 10 banned activities which are liable to land a firm on the black list.

An outstanding example is provided by the two giant Japanese motor manufacturing empires, Toyota and Nissan. Though all the world sells cars to Israel, and the Arabs do not mind, these Japanese companies seek to ingratiate themselves by doing more than required, by adding

agent in a third country. The Foreign Ministry, which has a small section on the subject weirdly named the Political Economic Planning Division, has clamped down on that. By denying import licences, the offending companies have been brought to heel. They included (in 1965) earth-shaking names, like Philips, Siemens, AEG, Telefunken. Most recently the Japanese company Matsushita opened an agency in Tel Aviv (supplying transistors and other electrical goods), because it was made plain that the alternative was no import licence, whatever the trans-shipments came from.

The power of the Jewish people in commercial matters can match the power of the Arab boycott office. Total failure of the Arabs to check the construction of hotels like the Hilton and the Sheraton, or even to stop the assembly of Ford cars and Zenith TV sets in Israel.

Israel is itself a big importer now, buying goods and services to the value of \$3,000m. yearly. She is a larger purchaser of goods and services abroad than any single Arab state, as can be seen from the diagrams accompanying this text. Israel should be able to apply a vigorous anti-boycott policy.

The reference is not to oil. This is a dominantly Arab product, and it cannot be expected that Western petroleum companies should harm their interests by taking up a stand on this issue, however justified.

But study should be given to the possibility of discriminating in favour of companies in other fields that braves the boycott, with particular reference to large industrial concerns. There are precedents in current commercial practice. It is not uncommon, when placing big orders in international trade, to expect that the supplier should spend 10 per cent of his receipts on buying goods from the client country.

Such devices ought to be employed against the Arab boycott wherever possible, wherever there is a blatant abuse that requires redress. Business companies the world over should be made to understand that it is worth their while to comply with the position adopted by the International Association of Chambers of Commerce—that boycotts are inadmissible. A consensus against boycotts would empty them of content, just as a consensus against any other offence puts it outside the bounds of law.

Business and Finance



Philip Navon, new general manager of the Sheraton-Tei Aviv Hotel and the first Israeli ever to hold this post (he is South African originally), Navon worked at the Sheraton from 1961 till 1970, serving in such capacities as head of the food and drink department and assistant manager. In September 1970 he became manager of the Sheraton-Malta, and has just returned home to take up his new post. The 52-year-old executive is married and has three children.

New rules for export credits: Even more red tape?

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

THE new regulations concerning export credits greatly simplify the current procedures in this field, though they remain subject to administrative discretion. In fact, in one respect the bureaucratic tangle may even thicken, because the amount of credits granted will now depend not only on the performance of individual firms — as on the respective forecasts — but also on the overall ceilings fixed for each industry by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The respective amounts of credit will be fixed in accordance with the targets — or forecasts — set for each industry's export, as designated in the Budget, and credit expansion beyond that limit will be allowed only after an expert review confirms that the industry is actually exceeding the target.

Even within an industry's credit quota, one firm's excess credit volume will be allowed only to the extent that another exporter did not use up the entire amount allotted to him. This system has been introduced in order to keep closer check of the use made of export credits, which carry interest at the subsidized rate of only 6 per cent, while two to three times as much is charged for ordinary bank loans. But the inevitable red-tape could be a serious handicap for the successful expanding firms, who may have to face credit shortages because official experts underestimated their export chances.

In other respects, however, the new regulations make life easier for exporters. In particular, they put an end to the separate accounting for value added, value replaced by imports from abroad and value replaced by local purchases, each of which had to be reported to the authorities, and was entitled to credit at a different rate. The old system offered more advantageous terms for financing purchases of raw materials or accessories abroad than for local ones.

Now, all kinds of export credits will be granted at a uniform rate of 11% per \$1 of the estimated export performance. In case the firm's export performance lags behind the forecast it will be charged — retroactively — 17 per cent interest on that part of its export credit which has not been used for the intended purpose. Export credit granted for purchase of raw materials, wage bill, and other production costs will be unlinked, but credit granted for financing shipments abroad will be linked to the currency of the respective market.

Exporters have been demanding export credits to be based on the current effective exchange rate of the Israel pound which is IL5 per dollar (owing to a 20 per cent surcharge on merchandise imports, and export incentives which approximate balance it), but this has been rejected by the Government as excessive.

In a recent article in the monthlies of the Ministry of Commerce

and Industry, Mr. Amos Muz-Haim, the Ministry's Assistant Director General, argues that there is no genuine need to finance that part of the cost of export goods which represents profit, depreciation of equipment etc., which account for an average 20 per cent of the f.o.b. price. Incidentally, the new IL4 per dollar rate represents a 12 per cent increment compared with the IL3.55 average which has been applied to date.

The total amount of export credit funds (financed jointly by the commercial banks and by the Bank of Israel) was IL1,500m. at the end of 1971, most of which was made use of by industrial exporters. The amount included IL400m. for the diamond industry and IL420m. for financing shipments abroad. By the end of 1972 these funds are expected to reach about IL2,000m.

Consulting firm has Israel office

Robert R. Nathan Associates one of the oldest and largest economic consulting firms in the United States, has named I.C. International Consultants (Israel) as its representative in this country. The Washington-based firm has been active in Israel before, on a limited scale. In 1948 Robert Nathan, the founder and president of the firm, wrote a book entitled "Palestine: Problem and Promise," which was the first comprehensive study of the economic potentials of the country.

Israeli firms for whom R.R.N.A. has acted as consultants include Dagon, Gadot, Hadassah, Sunroft, Maritime Fruit Carriers, and Zim. The company at present advises Hadassah and the United Israel Appeal in their U.S. Government relations.

I.C. (Israel), a subsidiary of I.C. (Zurich) and Bank Leumi, offers services in economic planning, acquisition activities, stock market analysis and management consultancy.

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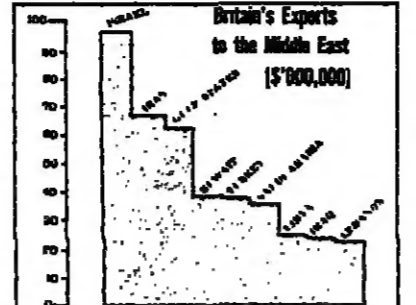
LOD AIRPORT. — The vice president of a chain of U.S. department stores, who completed an intensive business tour here on Friday, may have opened the way for large-scale export of Israeli ready-to-wear clothing to the U.S.

Mr. Uri Yonkers, vice president of the W.T. Grant chain of 1,200 department stores throughout the U.S., expressed interest in importing Israel-made women's wear — on condition that Israel's production could be stepped up to meet the demands of his company.

Mr. Yonkers appointed the Spanro company, headed by Mr. P. Weinberg of New York (who was here with him), to serve as liaison between Israeli industry and W.T. Grant. (Him)



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We have inserted Israel into the graph, using the figures quoted by the M.E.E.D., which are exact. Algeria and Morocco do not appear in the diagram, because their imports from Britain are smaller than Lebanon's.

Big growth in Scandinavian tourism here

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The growth of interest among the Scandinavian public in visiting Israel has led the RESO tour operators of Sweden to undertake to charter a jumbo jet from the SAS-Seaanair company to carry their clients to Israel. The first flight was planned for the middle of March; but, owing to a last minute reallocation of aircraft, Seaanair was unable to supply the Boeing 747. Instead RESO had to use the stretch DC-8, which carries 200 passengers. They operate twice weekly flights from Stockholm to Lod.

The general trend of tourism traffic from Scandinavia continues to increase, according to a report to the Ministry of Tourism by their representative in the region, Mr. Joseph Shany.

In Sweden — in addition to the two DC-8 flights of RESO — SAS and El Al have two weekly departures. On top of this, many residents of southern Sweden use the facilities of Copenhagen Airport.

In Norway, a marked increase in traffic has been registered. As a result, local tour operators have chartered a plane for a one-a-week, non-stop flight from Oslo to Lod.

Tourism from Finland has reached such proportions that the two weekly flights leaving Helsinki are generally fully booked, and plans are now being laid to increase the number of aircraft serving the region, Mr. Shany reports.

Tnuva charged with 16 counts of dirty food

TEL AVIV. — Tnuva Dairies were charged in Magistrate's Court here last week with 16 counts of marketing dairy products containing foreign bodies.

As the complaints began to unfold before Judge Bara Rappoport, Tnuva's representative in court began denying them. The charges mentioned such "ingredients" as hair in cottage cheese, 37 pupae in bottles of milk, a silver of plastic in a cup of cultured milk, dirt and paint in milk, mould and insects in milk, and more.

Prosecution witnesses will testify in mid-May.

In Magistrate Menahem Ilan's courtroom, Ramat Gan baker Yehiel Goldfarb charged sanitary inspectors with "persecuting bakers" when the fault really lies with the millers, who furnish them with impure flour.

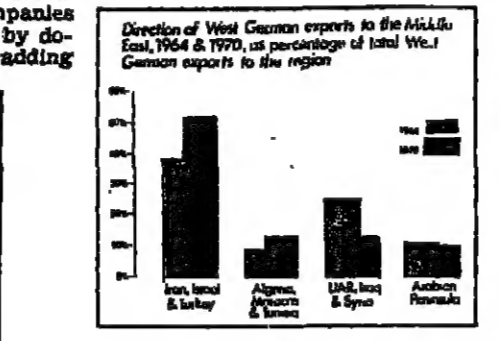
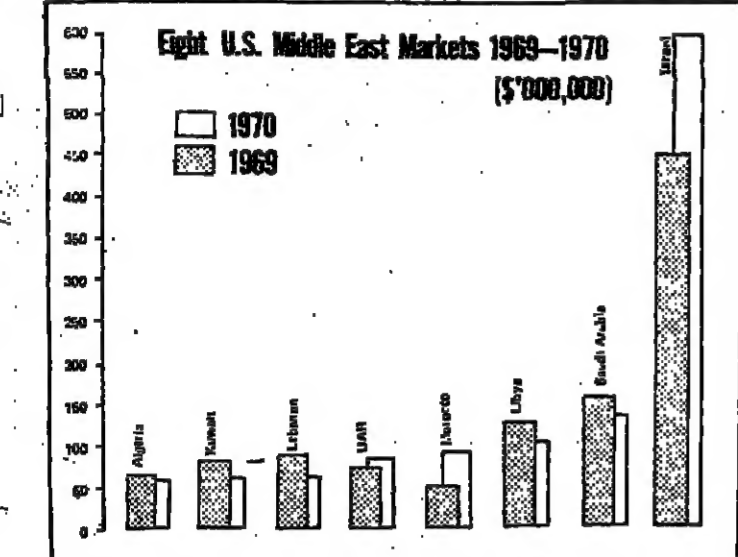
The judge fined Goldfarb IL900 plus IL80 laboratory costs, after finding him guilty of selling loaves of bread that contained a rusty nail, a piece of metal and an insect.

In Jerusalem, the District Health Office on Wednesday closed Sa'ad Ibrahim Salah's plant in Shuafat because of inferior sanitary conditions there.

of the Investment Centre, told the Jerusalem Post last week.

Differences exist among Israeli officials about the nature of the problem. All agree that the impact of a boycott is only marginal. Some believe that eagerness among potential investors is due to the perils of Israel's war situation, rather than to a boycott. It is always difficult to pinpoint just why firms do not take a particular placement, and there is often an amalgam of reasons. After all, Israel offers only small internal market, and her labour costs are not low.

The intangibility of the problem



is own tale. So does their continued inability to prevent passenger liners that call on Arab ports from calling on Israeli ports as well. One of the questions that should go on the agenda of the Prime Minister's Economic Conference next year is therefore, what have the Jewish people to say about the boycott by Toyota and Nissan of the Israeli market?

Girl, 4, electrocuted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. A four-year-old girl, Amara Rasak Balan, was electrocuted in her home here on Saturday night when she touched an uninsulated electrical wire. She was taken to hospital where doctors pronounced her dead.

encouraged the Israeli authorities to ignore it, particularly since a business community prefers it that way. Any pressure to "boycott" creates embarrassment, and abroad do not want their com-

a dimension of their own to the sanctions decreed in Damascus.

Some suppliers, including Japanese firms, have tried to get the best of both worlds by delivering goods to Israel indirectly, via an

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Constitutional right to contraceptives

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last week that single persons have a constitutional right of access to contraceptives, on a par with married couples.

The decision should sweep away a patchwork of seldom-enforced laws in 26 states which give single people second-class status in access to birth control information and contraceptives.

The court said it was unable to find in a Massachusetts state law that figured in the decision "some ground of difference that rationally explains a different treatment accorded married and unmarried persons."

Of the seven justices who heard the case, six voted to uphold the ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals that the Massachusetts law conflicted with fundamental human rights. The only dissenter was Chief Justice Warren Burger, who contended the state should be free to restrict the dispensing of "medicinal substances."

The test case began its path to the High Court when birth control crusader William Baird was arrested for displaying contraceptives during a lecture to students at Boston University and giving a sample to one of his listeners.

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Interview with chief of prisons: Didn't expect Jewish criminals

By GIDEON BEMEZ
Special to The Jerusalem Post

AMONG the many certificates and decorations on the walls of the office of Prisons Commissioner Arie Nir is a front-and-profile photo of himself, head shaved, as a young political prisoner in a British jail in Mandatory Palestine. Probably the only man of his rank anywhere who can boast behind-bars experience, this fact may account in part at least, for his humane approach.



Nir... from prisoner to prison commissioner (UPI radiophoto)

Mr. Nir often recounts first-person anecdotes to prove a point: "When I reached the Kishleth (the Jerusalem Old City prison) a few days after it was taken in 1967, the Mordechai had never even whitewashed the place, and the Arab state diplomats and students that we had just interned there were already lice-ridden and filthy. I ordered them transferred to Ramle, where our most hard-bitten convicts are kept.

"This was a contravention of the Geneva convention, and soon the Red Cross came around to investigate. I offered to return the internees to the Kishleth the moment they demanded it. After a confidential talk with them, the Red Cross man came and reported that the only complaint the Arab diplomats had was that they were bunked together with their chauffeurs."

Since then, says the Commissioner, the Red Cross has been just about the only world body to heap praise on Israel, instead of reprimands.

Expecting treatment similar to that meted out in Arab prisons — blows, torture, hunger — it is no wonder that jailed Arab terrorists suffer a severe jolt. "Their frustration often reaches psychiatric proportions," says Commissioner Nir. "They want to carry on the fight, be tortured, be martyrs. Sometimes our men have to withstand fantastic provocations."

He believes this frustration and the wearying prison routine that follows to be a significant factor in Israel's success in fighting terror; virtually no released extremist has been returned to jail. There are now about 3,000 terrorists in jail, about double the number of Israeli criminal convicts.

But anyone who calls these prisons "rest homes" has just never seen one, says Mr. Nir. "The ones reserved for terrorists are considerably harsher than those for Israeli criminals, and these too are no Hilton."

Mr. Nir confesses that he does not know if the aim of imprisonment is to protect society, punishment or correction.

"No system — from nine-month solitary confinement to 'family prisons' has proven more effective than another.

The Israel Prisons Service is largely a result of improvisation, he says. "When the state was founded, we didn't expect any Jewish criminals.

There was a general Amnesty, and all prisons but one were closed down. Ever since, we've had to improvise to meet the growing crime rate, and it's typical that we're just now constructing the first Israeli-built jail at Beersheba. When you improvise, it's hard to think ahead."

Still, there is a certain order of priorities — first, to uphold the law and to protect society. "Make no mistake — we're not educators. We can't hope to succeed where society, home, school have for any reason failed. But we can try to break bad habits and imbue some better ones — like an inclination to work: most of the new wave of criminals have never tried it."

The Service maintains a variety of prisons from Ma'asayahu — an open camp — to Ramleh or to Tel Mond youth prison, which incorporates a school. The differences are minimal, but within each prison the law and standing orders allow the system to barter privileges for co-operation. "We rarely use punishment; there really isn't much you can do, within the law, to punish a man who's already lost his freedom. But he'll usually give

up if the prize is home leave or even seeing a movie, not to mention a third of his sentence off for good behaviour. So we don't encourage stool pigeons or have trustees; most prisoners give us reasonably good co-operation, for their own good."

Listing the prison service's efforts to reform the convict, reaching even personal friendship with jailers or finding him a job "outside" — the commissioner bemoans the lack of means and frame work to follow them up.

"Recently, we've been allowed to let prisoners work out of jail — coming back at night — towards the end of their sentence. You can imagine how frustrating it is not to be able to check up how such a system actually pays off, or to give some more help to make sure it isn't wasted. The voluntary associations for the aid of ex-prisoners do some excellent work — we help with a full-time social worker — but still, it's just first aid."

Prisons are a costly unprofitable business with the keep of a prisoner up to IL14,000 per year. Another budgetary problem is the lack of sufficient workshops, which Mr. Nir considers of paramount importance. "Besides the reformatory value, it's vital to keep the prisoners busy for eight or nine hours a day just to reduce tension. When I was imprisoned I asked for work. It's a fact that not one of the working prisoners in Ashkelon prison took part in the riot there a few months ago."

Any connection between Ashkelon and Attica?

"They can watch TV and listen to the radio and any report of a prison revolt abroad obviously causes tensions to rise — as did events like Nesher's death and the civil war in Jordan. When I hear such a report on the midnight news I order an alert for the next morning. But if the Ashkelon affair had been anything like a real uprising, we couldn't have put it down in an hour and a half."

"What actually happened was that we had decided to let them hear the prayer from the El-Aknes mosque on Friday. The ex-Fatah men, who are relatively religious, were very glad.

"But the Marxist P.L.O. members tried to torpedo the idea — there's another example of their trying to provoke us into punishing them. So they jumped on the officer as he was finishing the head count in the last cell — if it had been a serious attempt at a revolt, it would have been simple to kill him. No, we haven't had a real prison break since Shatta."

(It was after the mass escape from Shatta prison in the Beisan valley that Arie Nir was called in to "reorganize" the service — a temporary appointment that has lasted 13 years.)

What about chronic worldwide prison problems such as bullying, homosexuality, drugs?

"On the whole, they're far less serious than abroad. But one of the most disturbing aspects of the crime wave since the Six Day War has been the qualitative change in the criminals' nature: more violent,

better armed, less educated.

"Before the war, we never had organized gangs — a 'Murder Inc.' once started in Jaffa, but it was broken fast. Now the gangs even try to penetrate the prisons, and we have to cope with leaders and attempts at organization."

Many prisoners come in addicted to drugs. "Some have swallowed hashish in plastic bags to ensure their supply for a while. We isolate new entries for 48 hours, but still there are a thousand ways to smuggle in drugs. We can usually tell when a shipment has arrived by the rise in the going price (in the jail currency of cigarettes). Opening his desk drawer, Mr. Nir produces some samples of drugs hidden in fruit, cigarettes, etc. "Later I have to answer court injunctions about my orders to forbid relatives to bring gifts of fruit or to kiss the prisoner — who could imagine that a two-year old child would transfer some hashish, mouth to mouth?"

Voluntary homosexuality is practically impossible to prevent in any dormitory regime, says Mr. Nir, though the policy of granting home leaves to convicts who are not dangerous helps relieve the sex problem. But, again, the proportion of rape is negligible compared to foreign prison systems. We have only a few cases every year, and they're all duly investigated and prosecuted.

"We have one of the highest manpower turnovers — higher than the police — mostly men in their first or second years with the service who can't adjust. We're now short of 50 men out of a total force of 1,700. At this rate we can hardly give the men all the necessary training, though they do get a three-month course and on-the-job instruction."

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This refers to children: 7 to 12.

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at Hadassah and Ichilov Hospitals, Tel Aviv

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Ministry of Tourism

EILAT'S HOUSING CRISIS

Since 1949, the Government has consistently disregarded the importance of Eilat and the well-being of its inhabitants — especially with regard to housing, says Sheila Meltzer. The recent unanimous resignation of the Town Council underlines the problem.



Residential Eilat — far away from the government clerks. (Werner Braun)

THE Eilat Municipal Council — a well-to-do coalition comprising the Free Centre, the State List, K.L.F. and headed by Mayor Asher Azar, decided unanimously a fortnight ago to resign. The problem that led the Council to make this dramatic move is the town's acute shortage of housing.

(In the wake of the Council's collective resignation, Minister of Housing Zev Shafir said this week that his Ministry would try to double the number of houses to be built in Eilat during 1972-73 (700 units.)

After years of stagnation under the gun, Eilat is today in the dynamic throes of a development only dreamed about in the past by a handful of local visionaries. Eilat today is about to become an international tourist resort in its own right and the central town of the south. Private investors, contractors, and companies have at last woken up to the facts: there is money, manpower, and the only obstacle is the lack of housing.

Ministry to blame

Mayor Azar places the blame squarely on the Ministry of Housing which, until two months ago, was a sole provider of accommodation in Eilat. The Ministry's housing position for Eilat is, theoretically, 10 apartments a year, with some 10 in the building stage. At the present rate of construction, however, less than 200 will be handed over to Amidar (the Ministry's real accommodation agent) this year and by the end of 1973 at most 800 units will be needed for a staff of the eight hotels due open next year alone, not to mention the requirements of the port, the copper mines, young

settlers, the majority of whom are still living in the small apartments they received from Amidar some 15 years ago. The early settlers have no room for married sons and daughters, for whom there are also no flats. This year alone, there are 130 young couples waiting for housing.

Eilat has been chronically short of manpower. The local youngsters, returning from the army, have jobs waiting for them, as have the new immigrants — but not one apartment. Two years ago, when the wave of Aliya consisted of professionals and academics from Western countries, the Ministry of Absorption broached the matter of siting an Absorption Centre in Eilat — but there was not a single building available to offer them. And there is nothing today for new immigrants from Russia.

With the writing on the wall, and under pressure from his Council and his constituents, the Mayor, turned to the Ministry of Housing for some urgent answers — more than a year ago. None were forthcoming, so on February 4, together with a delegation including members of the town's largest employers, Mayor Azar placed the problems before Minister Shafir, who promised a reply within two weeks. On March 2 a reply came — promising some decision within a week. After waiting 16 fruitless days, Mayor Azar reported to his Council that in view of this apparent lack of concern on the part of the Ministry of Housing — and therefore of the Government — he could no longer carry out his duties. The Mayor is right.

Finger in the pie

Since 1949 (with two short-lived exceptions in 1956 and 1967 when Eilat carried the flag of Israel into battle) the Government has consistently disregarded the importance of Eilat and the well-being of its inhabitants. The Government is made up of Ministers — each of which has a finger in the Eilat pie. But there has never been any co-ordinated operation between them with regard to the realistic planning of the town's future. Tourism grew up here despite the Ministry of Tourism which only in 1963 formed the Eilat Foreshore Development Company. With the influx of investors, was there any co-ordination between the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Housing with regard to housing for tourism workers? Did the Ministry of Tourism consult with the Ministry of Education with regard to promoting a School of Tourism to train staff from the west? Did the Ministry of Finance (responsible for the oil tankers) or the Ministry of Transport consult with the Ministry of Tourism with regard to the damage by spillage from tankers or freighters to Eilat's beaches? Did the Defence Ministry consult with the Ministry of Housing when they snatched up all the empty flats in town? Did the Ministry of Transport consult with the Ministry of Defence with regard to an International Airport near Eilat? Did the Ministry of Development discuss with the Ministry of Housing the needs of Eilat and the port? And did the Histadrut once broach the subject with its building company Shikun Ovdim, to build reasonably-priced apartments for young couples in Eilat? After 22 years, Shikun Ovdim at last reached Eilat two months ago, and they are now building 150 luxury flats, which will cost a minimum of IL1,000 per sq. metre. But where

was Shikun Ovdim five years ago when the Histadrut built a 500-bed ILSm. hospital — then found there was no living accommodation for doctors?

The Government is made up of Ministers and its Ministries are made up of clerks, for whom Eilat is far, far away. The Mayor is right to take his fight to the Minister of Housing, when the immediate answer for Eilat is pre-fabricated housing units that can be put up within the minimum of time and labour. Several weeks ago Minister of Housing Zev Shafir said on television that 1,700 pre-fabricated housing units have been ordered from abroad in order to ease the national housing problem. Are any of them slated for Eilat? He did not say. Prime Minister Meir recently berated the bureaucracy of Government clerks and civil servants. For Eilat the problem starts from the top, and its solution brooks no delay.

KEEPING POSTED

THERE was a lot of discussion about Hussein's "Plan" in Israel for two or three days, but then it died down, and it has not even been revived by Yigal Alon's efforts to squeeze it into the format of his own plan. In fact this is more likely to kill it stone dead in the Arab world.

An acquaintance says it reminds him of an old Turkish tale about a poor farmer sitting in his little house one evening with his wife and son and talking about the hard times they were having. "If we had

peace making in the Middle East, they start accusing Israel for her hitting back for what the Arabs do against Israel. The accusers do not think that defending is more natural than attacking. If the nations want real peace in the Middle East, they should stop first the activities of the so-called Fedayeen against Israel. Because they kill innocent civilians of Israel. For example the killing of the Israeli young couple near the Lebanese border, should be condemned strongly. Why are the nations silent? Was that a good deed? Is that how we can make peace in the Middle East? No, that is wrong. If that is so, then let Israel continue to teach lessons to the aggressors. Terrorists will never succeed.

Now, if the Fedayeen failed when they fought with a weaker Jordan, do you expect them to beat a stronger Israel? Their aggressions are firewood for a burning Middle East. Let their movements unite with their Arab governments, sit down together with the Israelis and discuss their matters peacefully.

a donkey, at least" he sighed, "it could help in the fields and carry the vegetables to market." The wife added that if only they had a donkey, she could embroider such a nice saddle cloth for it. The son got excited and called out "If we had a donkey I would ride it fast and faster and still faster..." At this point the father got up in a rage and slapped the boy's face, shouting "Get out of this donkey, you're killing it!"

Well, they've killed Hussein's little donkey, too.

P.K. writes from East Africa: When I try to imagine how huge the Arab lands are, with their population of 80m. all around and against a very small Israel with the population of only 3m. I say to myself "God is great, who has saved Israel up to this day." Then I refer to the holy saying in the Bible: "FOR LO, THE DAYS COME SAITH THE LORD, THAT I WILL BRING AGAIN THE CAPTIVITY OF MY PEOPLE ISRAEL AND JUDAH, SAITH THE LORD: AND I WILL CAUSE THEM TO RETURN TO THE LAND THAT I GAVE TO THEIR FATHERS, AND THEY SHALL POSSESS IT." (Jeremiah 30.3)

At first I thought all people in the world think the same as I do about Israel. My thought was wrong. Whenever nations talk about

call a pogrom a "demonstration" made one suspect the magazine's motives. She told the magazine it owed an apology to Jews and people everywhere who were concerned with decent human relationships. For good measure she added that she doubted she would ever bring herself to pick up the magazine again.

The answer was brief. It said the Feature Editor had read her letter with great interest. "It is always rewarding to hear from our readers and I do hope you have many more happy years reading 'Woman'." Signed: Roland Weitz. Let them get a woman editor.

Today's contributors include S. Eytan, Netanya and Y. H. Givatorim, who should send his address to receive his 10¢ prize.

RADIO and TV editor Stephen R. Abercrombie from Augusta, South Carolina, came here for a week's tour. While he was here he told one of his guides that before he left, the local rabbi had approached him, handed him a dollar bill "to be donated to charity in Israel," and departed without any further directions. The guide explained that according to the Talmud a messenger sent to do a good deed will arrive safely at his destination as a shekhah mitava. By giving him the dollar, the rabbi made him such a messenger. Mr. Abercrombie liked this practical way of wishing somebody a good journey and presented the dollar to the Blind Institute, together with IL20 of his own. He promised that he would set up a fund for the Institute in Augusta and send a gift every year.

Needless to say he arrived back home safely.

WHAT do newspapers do with complaints? It depends. A Jerusalem woman sent a sizzling letter of protest to "Woman," a magazine published in London, in connection with their review of "Fiddler on the Roof." First of all, it was not just "a love story," but the



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Where terror failed, poverty succeeds SETTLERS LEAVE MOSHAV ZAR'IT

Jerusalem Post Staff
The settlers of Moshav Zar'it on the Lebanese border, undaunted by shelling and terrorist infiltrations, yesterday demonstratively abandoned their village for one week in protest against the alleged indifference of the authorities to what they consider a far worse enemy — poverty.

"If in a week from now, we return and see that nothing has changed for the better we'll take even more drastic steps," David Levi, one of the settlers told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The villagers claim that the Jewish Agency Settlement Department had failed to keep its promise to provide each family with an additional 11 dunams of land and 1,000 chickens. "Our situation is bad," one of the settlers complained. "We have some orchards, vineyards and chickens, but not enough to make a decent living on. Some of us have had to earn additional income by trading, some by taking outside jobs."

Mr. Avraham Dror, until recently a member of the local council, said: "Things are desperate. We've been waiting for years for those promises to be kept."

The chairman of the Ma'aleh Ha-Shikma Regional Council, Mr. Yosef Weiskert, said that nothing could be done at the local level to improve the farmers' lot. But, he said, not enough had been done by the settlement authorities.

"I'm afraid that other moshavim

in a similar situation will follow Zar'it's example," he said.

The Director-General of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, Mr. Yehiel Admoni, said in a statement issued yesterday that the land shortage had been taken into account when the Galilee hill settlements had been planned. The members of Zar'it and other moshavim were not supposed to live exclusively from farming, but also from outside work and local industries. "But this is a development which may take years," he added.

He said that an industrial plant would be set up at Goren, six kilometers away, where Zar'it settlers would be able to get jobs and technical training.

"The problem is not one of budgets but of the moshav's own internal setup. Unfortunately, the settlers of Zar'it do not understand, as other moshavim do, that they must rely more on their own efforts and less on the authorities," Mr. Admoni said.

The Moshav Movement Secretariat in Tel Aviv yesterday condemned the action of the settlers, while agreeing that some of their complaints were justified. A spokesman said the Movement would consider deslating the moshav.

Meanwhile, *Post* reporter Yoel Der, who visited Zar'it yesterday, reports:

It looked like a ghost village. Most houses were abandoned, with locked doors and drawn shutters. I was greeted by barking dogs, which normally guard this border village against infiltrators from Lebanon. On the other side of the border, Lebanese fellahin could be seen working their fields.

Most of the settlers had packed up early in the morning and left to spend the Passover holiday with relatives elsewhere.

Kupat Holim up to IL4.90 dearer

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Kupat Holim yesterday increased its monthly charges by up to IL4.90. This will raise Histadrut members' dues at top grade from IL36 to nearly IL41.

The decision was taken by the Kupat Holim National Control Commission — its top executive. It adopted a deficit budget — with expenditure of IL600m., and revenue of IL532m.

Kupat Holim chairman Moshe Soroka said the increased charges should bring in IL19m. He also urged the Finance Ministry to increase the Government subsidy to Kupat Holim.

Mr. Soroka said that the population served by Kupat Holim will grow by 50,000 in the coming year due to immigration and natural increase. In order to maintain the level of services, 480 new jobs will have to be created. Kupat Holim will not expand hospital services in the coming year.

Kupat Holim has a staff of 17,500, including 4,000 physicians and 5,000 nurses.



Palm-bearing women, part of yesterday's Palm Sunday procession, wend their way down the Mount of Olives towards the Old City's walls.

German tourists bring own hotel

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — There'll be no hotel booking problem for a group of 45 German tourists who arrived for a three-week visit in the m.s. Dan yesterday. They brought their own mobile hotel, a bus and trailer, fitted with beds, of the German Rotel Company.

The Dan and the liner Samsun brought several hundred tourists, as well as 120 new immigrants from various European countries, and a group of 20 young Danes, members of the Dakiv (Danish Kibbutz Friends) Organization, who came to work in kibbutzim for three months.

Palm-bearing pilgrims in Jesus' footsteps

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Close to 10,000 Catholics, chanting Hosannas and bearing palm fronds, yesterday followed the path of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem in an hour-long Palm Sunday procession.

The march wound its way over the Mount of Olives from Betphage to St. Anne's Convent in the Old City, a distance of two kilometers. Blessed by spring-like weather, the marchers were watched by thousands on the Mount of Olives and at Lion's Gate, through which they entered the Old City.

Predominant in the procession were students from 34 church schools and colleges throughout the country, including Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth. Each school bore its own flag. Leading the procession were boy scout contingents. Many Catholic tourists, lay and clergy, also participated.

The procession passed through the village of A-Tor stop the Mount of Olives, descending the west face of the slope on a narrow path below the Intercontinental Hotel leading through the Garden of Gethsemane.

Another procession was staged in the afternoon by 400 members of Catholic youth clubs from East Jerusalem and Bethlehem, the first such staged since the Six Day War. The youths marched from Gethsemane along the north wall of the Old City, entering the Christian Quarter at the New Gate.

Burglary suspect freed beating story credible

A Jerusalem magistrate yesterday ordered a suspected burglar freed from custody, after doubting the credibility of the police's denial that the man had been beaten during interrogation.

"The unavoidable conclusion from what I have just heard is that the suspect was beaten in the police lock-up," Magistrate's Court Judge Moshe Shaigi said. He was heeding the police's request for remand of David Azulia, who was arrested on Friday on suspicion of having committed burglaries in homes in the Bak'a and Katsamon quarters.

Azulia complained to the judge that he had been beaten with a wooden plank in the lock-up and that the police had threatened to make him confess by means of "injections." The two policemen who brought the suspect to court could not explain the source of the bruises on his body, and Judge Shaigi ordered him released without bail.

The judge also ordered the police to investigate the incident and bring it to the attention of the Attorney General. "The court cannot remain silent in the face of the police's denial that the man had been beaten during interrogation, as long as it is not fully confident that he will receive decent and humane treatment."

In a reaction to the judge's remarks, the Deputy Commander of the Jerusalem Police District, Sgar Nitzan Avraham Turgenau, told "Lim" that he was surprised at the aspersions cast on the integrity of the police. "It is a common practice of criminal suspects to complain of police brutality in an attempt to evade remand. In any case, we have ordered an officer to investigate this particular case."

"The decision to release him immediately, and without bail, was an extreme one, particularly in view of the fact that the man's fingerprint was found in one of the burgled apartments," Mr. Turgenau said.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Variable amounts of high, medium clouds with a larger rise in temperatures.

Western coasts: A weak low-pressure system slowly advanced across the Gulf of Suez and into the Red Sea.

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Golan	10-17	12-19
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Lod	12-20	14-22
Yotvata	12-20	14-22
Gaza	14-21	16-18
BeerSheva	14-21	16-18
Eilat	14-21	16-18
Tikva	16-18	18-20

ARRIVALS

Count Wilhelm Wachmeister, director of the political department of the Swiss Foreign Ministry, for a week's visit to the Foreign Ministry.

Prof. David M. Basri, director-general of Shaare Zedek Hospital, from England and Western Europe (by El Al).

Large group of Soviet Jews lands

LOD AIRPORT. — A large group of immigrants from the Soviet Union arrived here early yesterday morning. The newcomers are from Latvia, Lithuania, Georgia and Russia.

Trial starts for LSD smuggling

HAIFA. — An Israeli emigre, who holds U.S. citizenship, was charged in the Haifa District Court with smuggling and possessing 2,400 LSD pills yesterday.

Leon Zelinsky, 23, of Brooklyn, N.Y., a former resident of Beisan, was arrested in Haifa on March 15, allegedly with the LSD in his possession. The arrest was quiet, kept quiet by the courts, pending investigation and formal charges.

According to the charge sheet, Zelinsky and his wife visited Israel in 1971, and at that time made arrangements with a man they met on Dizengoff Street in Tel Aviv, to bring a large quantity of LSD into the country. Zelinsky purchased 2,500 pills in Brooklyn, and returned to Israel to meet the man on the appointed date. The latter never showed up, the indictment said.

Subsequently, it states, Zelinsky rented a car, and went about the country setting the pills. He had managed to dispose of about 100 of them, for TL10 each. (When arrested, he tried to pass off the pills as lighter filmstrips.)

Zelinsky is a U.S. army veteran, who has served in Vietnam. He met and married his wife in South Korea after being discharged. His family came to Israel in 1951, but emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1961.

The trial is scheduled to begin today.

Scandal sheet's scandals told by former editor

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The close ties of "Haolam Hazeh" and its publisher with some establishment figures who use the magazine to smear political opponents is one of the points highlighted by the former co-founder, Mr. Shalom Cohen, M.K., in his new book "Haolam Hazeh," which he launched at a press conference here yesterday.

Subtitled: "Secrets of a terrorizing weekly as only one who edited it for 20 years can really know," Mr. Cohen explained that "the book contains the truth but not all of it."

He says he decided to write it following the stormy break with publisher Uri Avneri which ended more than 20 years of partnership in the magazine and in political action. "I do not seek to excuse myself. I was as much as to blame, and I wrote the book not to counter the slanders against me and not in order to escape responsibility for the things I did in those 20 years but to enlighten the public as to the real facts about the magazine's methods and who Uri Avneri really is."

Mr. Cohen said that subsequent information that reached him had taught him that Mr. Avneri "is one of the wildest protagonists of Hebrew racism, of militarism and worship of war..." Mr. Cohen said he was ready to appear in court if anyone sued him for libel.

According to his book, the only public figure who stood up to "Haolam Hazeh" was Agudat Yisrael M.K. Rabbi Mordechai Porush, who despite pressure stood his ground against the magazine which showed him in a photo montage with a nude Mr. Cohen charged that Foreign Minister Abba Eban dropped his attack on Mr. Avneri (over Avneri's critical remarks in a German paper on Israeli diplomats) after one of Mr. Avneri's aides "threatened the then head of the Minister's bureau, Mr. M. Lapidot that the magazine would print some unpleasant gossip about Mr. Eban."

Mr. Cohen also claimed that "Haolam Hazeh" has had for some time a regular source of information in

U.S. firm impressed by Ashkelon oil prospects

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
There may be oil in Ashkelon. The chances seem so good that an American company has agreed to put up 50 per cent of the exploration costs, in return for 50 per cent of the expected find. Lapidot, the veteran Israeli drilling company, will do the drilling.

The decision is especially surprising following years of disappointment in the Ashkelon area. At present Lapidot is producing a mere 60,000 tons of oil per year from its field at Heletz — and this after investing millions in exploration.

According to the Petroleum Commissioner at the Ministry of Development, Mr. Moshe Eitinger, the decision to drill came after data from a recent operation in the area.

Barnes 1 gave room for "surprising optimism." Geological data from the drill seems to justify more probes in the area, and these have been decided upon at Barnes 3, and Ashkelon 5 — south and north of the town.

All in all some IL2m. will be invested in the two operations. The American company does not want to be named at present, and it is understood that should oil be found the company will receive 50 per cent of production in royalties.

Drilling time is expected to be between 75 and 80 days on both operations and maximum depth will be 2,400 metres.

All in all, Lapidot has seven or eight projects on their books at present, — including three operations in Gaza. One project, being

Two boys hurt in cartridge blast

TEL AVIV. — Two 12-year-old boys were injured Saturday night when a rifle bullet one of them threw into a bonfire they had made near their home in Jaffa exploded, shattering lead fragments all around them.

One of the boys was injured in the face and the other in the abdomen. They were taken to Donolo Hospital where they received first aid and were sent home.

TWA plane in trouble lands safely at Lod

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter
LOD AIRPORT. — Dozens of fire engines and ambulances converged on the terminal here before dawn yesterday, following an emergency call radioed by the captain of a TWA jetliner inbound in transit through Lod from the Far East with 121 passengers on board.

Some time after taking off from Bombay, the captain of TWA Flight 811 noticed something amiss with the hydraulic system governing the lowering and raising of the plane's tricycle undercarriage. He informed Lod control tower of the mishap and requested that all steps for a possible emergency be taken.

An immediate call alerting all available ambulances and fire engines (in addition to those available at the airport itself) was sent out. The plane should have landed at Lod at 3.45 a.m.

The pilot flew in over Lod's schedule but, obeying instruction from the control tower, circled overhead for an additional 90 minutes in order to be able to use the new long "silent runway," Lod's longest and smoothest strip which still lacks illuminated markers. The plane was kept aloft until there was enough light to make the approach. The safe landing of Flight 811 came a most as an anti-climax.

The company had a spare plane available at Lod. Following a brief rest and refreshments for its passengers and the transfer of baggage, Flight 811 continued on way almost on schedule.

THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB
Mount Carmel announces that regularly scheduled meetings tomorrow will not take place owing to Passover.

Cigarette plant in Jerusalem closing down

The Israel Cigarette Industry Ltd. in Jerusalem on Rehov Coresh is to close its doors next month. The subsidiary of Dubek has agreed to pay full compensation to the 35 employees of the Jerusalem plant, it is reported in "Bemoetz," the monthly organ of the Jerusalem Labour Council.

Dubek purchased the company in 1948 from the original British owners. In recent years the demand for its products, mainly low priced cigarettes, has been falling off, and the staff which numbered about 100 some 18 months ago has been cut back in stages.

This means that the only cigarette company remaining in the city is the Jerusalem Cigarette Company in Has el-Armud, a hundred metres outside the city boundaries. It is permitted to market its products only in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

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Radio's summer schedule held up

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Some summer radio programmes may not be introduced as scheduled on April 2 because of a dispute with Israel Radio's 80 technicians, the Broadcasting Authority spokesman said yesterday.

A three-way meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday with Histadrut Trades Union department Head Uriel Abrahamovich and representatives of management and staff, failed to end in agreement.

The technicians are asking for a 38 hour week, compared by the present 47. Management is offering a 41-hour week on condition that radio reporters are allowed to use uncomplicated portable tape recorders like a small Sony, which out on a story. The technicians, 60 in Jerusalem and 30 in Tel Aviv, have rejected the proposal.

Man killed in Rehovot crash

REHOVOT. — A 51-year-old Bnei Israel man was killed in Rehovot last night, when the commercial van he was riding collided with an Egged bus. The victim, Zecharia Frankel, died shortly after arrival in Kaplan Hospital.

The bus driver, Yitzhak Kapah of Ashkelon, 27, was seriously injured. Two passengers on the bus sustained light injuries.

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